

**CITY OF MISHAWAKA, BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

DATE: October 11, 2010

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Battell Community Center, Community Room

PRESENT: Reg Wagle, John Coppens, Carolyn Teeter, Bob Shriner, Mike Bergin, and Ellen West

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Faulkner, Michelle Werntz, Joe VanNevel, Michelle Werntz, and Robert C. Beutter

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Board President, Mr. Wagle, called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wagle yielded the floor to Mr. Ken Prince, City Planner for the City of Mishawaka, to facilitate the public meeting for the Mary Gibbard Neighborhood Meeting. Mr. Prince introduced Mayor David A. Wood who then addressed the meeting and thanked those in attendance. He assured attendees that their input was very important in helping us to provide the community with the services they want. Meetings like these help us to gather ideas and put together plans for improvements. Mr. Prince then explained the roles of the Board, Administration, and Common Council in relationship to the Park Department and this proposal. He then provided the overall concept to the attendees. The proposal is to remove the existing pool and replace it with a splash pad. Before giving the floor to President Wagle to open the meeting to the public for comments, Mr. Prince indicated that Neil and Barbara Andrews of 2537 Ewing had emailed their opinion to him: No – Pool, Yes – Splash Pad. The floor was then opened for public comments.

Comments from the public which directly relate to the removal of the pool and replacement of the splash pad are follows:

Have an adult swim before pool opens or after hours
Charge \$1/day or \$30/month
Kids choose to swim in the pool before using a splash pad
Keeping pool fits our health initiative better than putting in a splash pad
Inconvenience in purchasing an ID or a pass off site
Splash pads would accommodate little kids but what about teenagers or adults?
If money is available to build a splash pad, why isn't there money to repair what's there?

Other comments were made in general included adding amenities to the existing pool, not making passes or ID's mandatory, creating a more enticing atmosphere to bring in more patrons.

Mr. Wagle then called for additional questions and/or comments from any others present at the special meeting. As there were no further questions or comments to be made, Mrs. Teeter moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Coppens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted for Approval to the Board

Michelle L. Werntz,
Office Manager, Parks & Recreation

Approved: _____
Carolyn Teeter, Board Secretary

Public in Attendance that Contributed Comments

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